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FOREWORD



HIS BOOKLET is being issued in connection with the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in Niagara Falls.

The celebration includes:

May 19—Showing of slides of Church History, narrated by Mr. Leland L. Stacy.

May 21—Pageant in 5 scenes with 75 people, written and directed by Mrs. Grover C. Smith.

May 23—Dedication Services. Dr. A. S. Turnipseed and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

The two previous histories of St. Paul's have been the basis for much of the information. Much credit and appreciation should be given to the late Mr. A. W. Pierson who prepared the first history of Methodism on the Niagara Frontier, covering the period from the first missionary (1788) to the dedication of new St. Paul's (1923). This history is on file in the church office.

The first four chapters of this booklet cover the pertinent facts from the above record; just enough to give the reader a knowledge of the splendid history of Methodism in this community. The remainder of the booklet covers the forty-two years from 1923 to 1965. This presents the story of the growth of the new St. Paul's.

Inasmuch as it seemed desirable to keep this history fairly brief, no biographies of church members have been included.

Appreciation and thanks also go to Stella Kocher Highland, Mrs. Mortimer Jay Brown, Mrs. Harvey N. Gilbert, Mr. Clark J. Peet and Mrs. A. W. Pierson, members of the 1948 Committee on Church History, and to Mr. H. M. Canfield, Mrs. G. K. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Fowler, Mrs. Grover C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leland L. Stacy, and Mr. Ira F. Thompson of the 1964-65 Committee.

FRED L. KOETHEN

Chairman of the Committee

ON THIS WAS BUILT — METHODISM



T. PAUL SAID: *"For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

(I COR. 3:11)

The import of the Old Testament is to clear the way for this foundation. In his crucifixion Jesus Christ was the "rejected stone" which became the "head of the corner". After His Ascension, St. Paul and the other Apostles carried the Gospel to the ends of the Roman Empire.

With the break-up of the Roman Empire the Christian Church was expanded from the south to the northern and western extremities of Europe. This was the Roman Catholic Church. Emanating from Constantinople and Asia-Minor the Faith was extended north-eastward. This became the territory of the several Orthodox churches.

At the beginning of the 16th Century Martin Luther pled for reforms in the Roman Catholic Church. He claimed that Christ would truly be the foundation of the church if the primary doctrine should be justification by faith.

During the Reformation period The Roman Catholic Church in England became The Church of England, expressing its adoration of Christ in the elegant language of the Book of Common Prayer.

In the 18th Century John Wesley, a priest in The Church of England, emphasized the importance of personal religious experience. On May 24, 1738 he records: "About a quarter before nine, . . . I felt my heart strangely warmed" during a meeting in Aldersgate Street, London. His unconventional practices brought him into open conflict with The Church of England, but his influence among the common people caused them to flock around him, and this was the start of The Methodist Church.

In October, 1766 a Methodist chapel was opened in New York and in 1771 Francis Asbury crossed the Atlantic to begin his great work. After the American Revolution, John Wesley directed that Methodism in America should be an independent body. This was accomplished in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland December 24, 1784.

EARLY METHODISM AT NIAGARA FALLS



N 1788 after the close of the American Revolution but before the British had relinquished control of the American side of the Niagara Frontier, Methodist circuit riders made occasional visits to the little village of Manchester, now Niagara Falls, N. Y. They also made visits to points in Upper Canada such as Lundy's Lane and Trenton (Niagara-on-the-Lake), since there was no boundary.

George Neal seems to have been the first of these circuit riders, followed by Wm. Losee 1791, Captain Webb, Nathan Bangs, Jos. Sawyer, Jas. Coleman 1794, Andrew Prindle 1810, Jos. Gatchell and Elder Loring Grant 1811. Each of these men traveled about 300 miles in a circuit, touching each spot only about once a month — but they were often successful in inspiring a local man to be a class leader to carry on in their absence. The earliest of these class leaders at Niagara was known as Brother Post.

The Genesee Conference was organized in 1810 at Lyons, N. Y.

The war of 1812 - 1815 interrupted all progress in organization. The village was destroyed by fire in Dec. 1813 and many settlers fled, but many returned and started to rebuild with a wonderful spirit. One of their first public activities was to organize a church. A meeting in the parlor of a private home resulted in 1815 in what became St. Paul's Methodist Church of Niagara Falls.

It might be of interest here to gather together what is known about the little village near the great falls in 1815. It was very small and had only two wealthy men; Judge Porter who had bought all of the land from the State in an auction in 1804, and General Parkhurst Whitney who in 1812 leased Porter's sawmill and bought the Eagle Tavern. Judge Porter named the village Manchester in prophetic faith that the area would someday be an important industrial center. There were only about 20 families, most of the men working in the saw mill, grist mill or for the Porter Barton Forwarding Company at Schlosser Dock. A notable figure at that time was "Judge" Hooker who always wore a silk hat and carried a cane when he met the Stage from Canandaigua, which began to run in 1816. Hooker was the first of the tourist guides (not related to Hooker Chemical).

Farmers from the surrounding area also helped to organize the new church, among them Samuel Tompkins who settled in LaSalle

near the "S" Curve (Old Pine Blvd. and Cayuga Drive). Altho he had to ride horseback or in a buggy for several miles, he became an active member.

Main Street was *really* the Main part of the village. Falls Street was not at all important and was obstructed by a hump or hill between Main and First Sts. This hill was cut into in 1834 when Gen. Peter B. Porter moved here from Black Rock and occupied the whole block from Main to First St. and from Falls almost to Cherry, for his house and garden. When the railroad from Buffalo came down the north side of Falls St. in 1837, grading was completed.

March 24, 1823, the Holland Land Company recognized the existence of this first church organization by making a deed to the Methodists for 100 acres of land. This was in accordance with their policy of helping new churches to become established. They also did the same for taverns "where needed." The land was not in the village because Holland Land Co. did not own any land within one mile of the Niagara River Bank. It was farm land on Lockport St. where the Republic Carbon Co. now is.

The Presbyterians organized in 1824 but were faster than the Methodists in building a church, possibly because Judge Porter and Samuel DeVeaux were Presbyterians at that time. However it was, the Presbyterians built a church in 1831 at the S.E. corner of First St. and Falls. In 1849 they built their present church on First St. opposite Thomas, and the Methodists bought their 1831 church. The Baptists built also on First St. near Main in 1843 and the Episcopalians on the same street 1848. Hitching posts must have been hard to find all day Sunday on First Street.



JOHN WESLEY



Founder
of
Methodism

ONE OF MANY
MEMORIAL WINDOWS
IN
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
ON

SEVENTH ST., NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.



DR. ANDREW S. TURNIPSEED
PASTOR — 1961 -

UNION CHAPEL AND FALLS STREET CHURCH

THE FIRST BUILDING, a small plain frame structure built by General Parkhurst Whitney (1824) to be used primarily as a preaching center, was located on the site of the present Gorge Terminal Building and was used for public worship by Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others. It was first known as Union Chapel, later as Methodist Chapel. The Methodist Society met here for twenty-five years. It was there that the first Sunday School was organized in 1839 with 78 pupils and 11 teachers. The preachers in Union Chapel were:


REV. JOHN CANNON (Local)	1835
REV. E. C. SANBORN.....	1839
REV. JOHN POWELL	1839
REV. C. M. WOODWARD.....	1846-47
REV. ZENAS HURD.....	1849-50

In 1839 the society was incorporated under the name "First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara Falls Village"; the trustees were Thomas H. Leach, Henry W. Clark and the Rev. John Cannon.

On March 27, 1849, the trustees (Cannon, Garrett, Tibbets) were empowered to purchase a meeting house, erected in 1831, and a lot from the Presbyterian Society, situated at the southeast corner of Falls and First Streets, for the sum of \$2,000. This was a frame structure with a small belfry at its center. The frontage on First Street was 99 feet and on Falls Street 132 feet. Piece by piece this property was sold for a total of \$6,453. The last sale was made by trustees Amasa Butler, David Strail and James Shepard, August 24, 1865. A gift of three lots in the Town of Cambria, just east of Pekin, had been made to this Society by the Trustees of the First United Society of the Methodist Church of the Towns of Lewiston and Cambria. The sum of \$300 realized from this sale was applied on the Falls Street purchase.

In 1852, with a church membership of 69, the "preacher's claim" was \$400 raised by assessment and supplemented by the Home Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY AT FIRST AND THOMAS STREETS

N JULY 8, 1865 the membership of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the Village of Niagara Falls decided to change the corporate name to "St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of the Village of Niagara Falls." The number of trustees was increased from three to seven. The trustees adopted the title "The Trustees of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church."

The next day a committee was appointed to build a parsonage and another to secure plans of church edifices. On August 15th, S. V. Saleno was appointed to handle details for the transfer to the trustees of the lot at the southwest corner of First and Thomas Streets. This lot with a dwelling and barn on it cost \$2,500. It had a frontage of 84 feet on First Street and 132 feet on Thomas Street. The dwelling was subsequently sold for \$90. The deed is dated October 16, 1865.

The parsonage was the first new building — 1862-1866 — erected at a cost of \$1,550. This amount was paid by A. M. Chesbrough and presented as a gift to the Society. The second building — 1864 — was a chapel fronting on Thomas Street. This cost \$2,247 and was built according to plans and specifications prepared by G. M. Allison of Buffalo. He received a fee of \$250. On completion the Chapel had a debt of \$1,000 against it.

It was voted to start work on the church as soon as \$10,000 in pledges had been secured after completion of the chapel. In April 1867 William Morgan, a church architect, was engaged to draw detailed plans for the new church. The size of the church auditorium was fixed at 42 feet by 78 feet. William and James Shepard, builders, were engaged October 4, 1868. The work proceeded to the laying of the cornerstone on October 13, 1868. Bishop Kingsley of Ohio officiated. Work ceased because of lack of funds despite the zealous efforts of the Rev. Zenas Hurd who worked diligently to gather money for the building project. (For details of the laying of the cornerstone see "History of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara Falls, New York" written by Albert W. Pierson.)

In May 1871 contracts amounting to \$9,080 were let, but it was not until October 2, 1872 that the structure was completed. The church was dedicated by Bishop Peck on that date.

Total cost of church and chapel was approximately \$22,500 against which there was a mortgage of \$5,000 held by the Erie County Savings Bank. Methodists and others not resident at Niagara Falls had contributed \$10,000. At the time of dedication there were 52 members. Eleven pastors shared in paying off the mortgage which effort was completed in 1882.

Through the years from the time of dedication to June 8, 1919 many events took place in old St. Paul's. Twenty-two ministers served the charge during that period. The longest pastorates were those of O. C. Poland, 7 years; George S. G. Hares, 6 years; J. N. Simkins, 5 years; and R. C. Brownlee, 5 years. The membership increased slowly from 52 at time of dedication to 403 at time of sale. One significant change was the installation of a pipe organ during the pastorate of the Rev. R. C. Brownlee. This was used for 22 years.

Encouragement to seek a site for a new church came from the Rev. George S. G. Hares. Studies and negotiations to this end went on over a period of some months beginning June 14, 1916 and ending in the purchase of the Seventh Street site. By December 24, 1916 \$11,000 in pledges had been raised. The total frontage, purchased at a cost of \$16,600, was 245 feet with a depth of 132 feet.

When the Y.W.C.A. was formed St. Paul's chapel on Thomas Street was rented to the association for gymnasium purposes until the completion of a new building at Fourth and Main. In turn the church was granted full use of the Y.W.C.A. property when St. Paul's was without a building during 1919-1922.

On June 13, 1919, during the pastorate of the Rev. John E. Manning, the church property at First and Thomas Streets was sold for \$35,000. The pipe organ and church furnishings were not included in the sale. The last service conducted by Mr. Manning was held June 8, 1919, after which date until March 25, 1922 services were held in the Y.W.C.A.

The sum of \$23,000 was raised for the Centenary Fund right at the time when earnest prayer and thought were being given to St. Paul's new home to be built on Seventh Street.

Prominent during these years were such men as Abram M. Chesbrough, Stephen V. Saleno, Sheldon T. Murray, James Shepard, David Strail, Hon. William Pool, Edward C. Woolson, John Cathcart, Edward Tucker, D. L. Barton, Aaron Shrimpton, Dr. Walter A. Scott,

J. M. Ashbaugh, William J. Downey, Dr. J. H. Miller and F. A. Filby. Besides the wives of these men other prominent women were Miss Mary Jackson, Mrs. O. T. Kimberly, Mrs. Esther L. Highland, Mrs. William Cannon, Mrs. Francis Simkins Green, Miss Eunice Shaw, Miss Susan T. Murray, Mrs. R. C. Brownlee, Mrs. T. T. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Sheaf, Mrs. John Gallinger, Mrs. Marie D. Smith and others.

During this period the Ladies' Aid and Home and Foreign Missionary Societies accomplished a great work.

A Men's Club was formed while the Rev. F. S. Parkhurst was pastor. This was a forerunner of the Men's Club.

The Pierson Class, a women's group, organized in 1892 with Mr. A. W. Pierson as teacher, was a mighty force in the progress of the church for many years. Only since Mr. Pierson's death in 1933 has its work been merged with that of the Cui Bono Class.

The Cui Bono Class was organized in 1908 as a young women's class. In 1916 it became a mixed class and continues as such to the present. It has been privileged to have many fine teachers and has a splendid record for assisting the church in its financial needs. Also the class has provided entertainment of an outstanding character which could be enjoyed by the whole church.

In 1888 an Oxford League was formed by the young people. In 1892 the name was changed to Epworth League. The League had a definite part in the lives of the young people of the church through this period. Junior and Intermediate Leagues were active at various times.

St. Paul's Church during this time was interested in the organization of a number of other churches in the Falls. They were the LaSalle Methodist Church (1854), a Free Methodist Church, St. James Methodist Church (1893), the African Methodist, a mission in the Echota Area and the Italian Methodist Mission.

BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S ON SEVENTH STREET



THE EARLY PLANS for the new St. Paul's did not provide for as impressive structure as the one now in use. However, just at this time, consultation was had with Bishop William Burt who put forth the thought that Niaagra Falls was one city in which should be erected a great convention church with modern equipment for community service — a church to become a model for others and a credit to the great Methodist denomination. To this end the firm of Chas. W. Bolton and Son of Philadelphia, Pa. were employed as architects. Plans were submitted to Dr. Burns of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Plans were approved and the contract let to Wright and Kremers, Inc. June 3, 1921.

As a result of two local financial campaigns, April 1920 and April 1922, the sum of \$96,232 was realized in cash and pledges to cover a period of seven years.

The church was two and one-half years in the process of construction. The first soil was turned by the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Walker, with the Rev. G. S. G. Hares and the Rev. J. F. Manning, former pastors, present. Financial difficulties stopped work on the project during the winter 1921-22, the trustees experiencing difficulty in securing a permanent loan. The loan was finally secured through the Home Savings Bank in Albany, and the work proceeded to completion.

Bishop William Burt, D.D., L.L.D., conducted the services at the laying of the cornerstone October 23, 1921. It is interesting to note that at this cornerstone laying three persons were present who had been present at the cornerstone laying for old St. Paul's, October 13, 1868 — Mrs. R. C. Brownlee, Mrs. F. A. Filby, and Mrs. William Cannon, all of whom have now gone to their heavenly rest. The new St. Paul's was dedicated August 12, 1923.

It will be of interest at this point to present a brief picture of the financial burden which has been carried by the church since the building of the new St. Paul's. The entire cost of the site, construction, incidental expenses, parsonage at Seventh and Augustus, etc., amounting to \$276,746 and of this amount \$170,000 stood in notes and mortgages as an indebtedness against the church at its completion. In 1923 resources totaled \$44,700. In 1924 the trustees faced the fact that the sum of \$112,130 was required to pay mortgages not

underwritten by pledges. Much credit and appreciation should be given to the trustees, Messrs. Pierson, Hosler, Downey, Kammerer, Stafford, Hagen, Huse and Dr. W. A. Scott, who were required by the terms of the mortgage to individually and personally become responsible for the entire debt and all interest payments thereon until fully paid. The burden which these men, and those who have taken their places during twenty-five years, have carried has been heavy and we rejoice with them that at the time of the writing of this brief history the task is completed and it can be said to them that they were good and faithful servants.

ST. PAUL'S JUSTIFIES THE FAITH AND VISION



AFTER THE DEDICATION in 1923 St. Paul's Church began to enjoy the full use of a truly magnificent plant. The pastor, the Rev. Spencer Bacon Owens, was kept busy ministering to his flock and caring for the many problems that came requiring executive attention and caused largely by the "breaking in" of the enlarged effort.

Since the completion of the church a full time sexton has been employed with living quarters in the Community House.

An important step affecting the women of the church was taken in 1925 when the Ladies' Aid and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies united to form the "Women's Association of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church." The first president was Mrs. Puella T. Scott. The organization was set up to include all of the work carried on by the three groups.

In 1928, Miss Barbara Shelton came as the first "Director of Religious Education." Her work was excellent, but she answered the call to what she felt was a larger opportunity. Mrs. Bessie Fuller, a long time member of the church and a gifted volunteer worker, then became church secretary.

Depression years made the work of the pastor and Official Board difficult. There was always before them the problem of finance; how to raise the current budget; how to meet interest on the mortgages; mortgage payments; mortgage placement; benevolences; etc.

Genesee Conference has met three times in St. Paul's Church: October 5-11, 1904 under Rev. O. C. Poland; October 7-12, 1925 while Mr. Owens was pastor; and October 9-13, 1935 during the pastorate of Dr. Davies.

In November 1925, the work among the Italian residents was transferred from St. James church to St. Paul's. At one time, under Mr. Joseph M. Garbellano, this group held services in the Social Rooms of the Community House, conducted an adult Bible Class and the younger children became members of St. Paul's Church School. During 1948 the Rev. Joseph Grana, last pastor of St. Luke's Italian Methodist Church, was retired and in attendance at St. Paul's. St. Luke's building has been sold and the members absorbed into St. Paul's and other churches.

In 1926 it was decided that the Sunday evening service should be abandoned and a Vesper Service, mostly music, should be held at 4:30. Vote on the continuance of this service was taken by the Official Board from month to month. It was finally discontinued.

In 1939 the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first Sunday School was celebrated. For this anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Turver gave a dogwood tree which is planted in the quadrangle between the Church and the Community House. The personal note in this presentation is that Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Turver are granddaughters of the Rev. John Cannon, the first pastor of St. Paul's Church.

The Uniting Conference, held in Kansas City, Mo., in 1939, brought together the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The new name is "The Methodist Church."

A Lenten Series, featuring internationally known preachers, inaugurated in April 1943, was exceedingly well received by Church members and the general public. The speakers for the entire Lenten series, are listed separately.

Rationing of food and fuel during the war had definite effect on fellowship within the church. The Men's Club, for instance, cut its dinners from six to three within a church year. Other groups were similarly affected. The basement of the Community House was used as an Air Raid Shelter and in every way possible the Church co-operated with the National war effort.

In June 1943 the matter of a Director of Christian Education and Assistant to the Minister was discussed by the Official Board. In September, Miss Grayce H. Colvin was employed. Miss Colvin worked partly among the new people who had been brought to this city by the immense amount of war work and partly with St. Paul's congregation.

In September Miss Leanora C. Alt (now Mrs. Karl H. Sandmeyer) became Director of Christian Education, succeeding Miss Colvin who had gone to Central Park Methodist Church in Buffalo.

Miss Marian Elizabeth Johncox became Director of Christian Education and Recreational Life, September 1, 1948, succeeding Mrs. Leanora Alt Sandmeyer.

About this time the trustees took up the matter of a new parsonage, pointing out that the "temporary parsonage" on Seventh Street was small, inadequate and poorly located and that a more desirable parsonage home was needed. They recommended and finally purchased the house at 748 Fourth Street. Dr. and Mrs. Redmond formally opened this home to the Church by giving a tea on April 30, 1944.

Additional amplifiers were added to the public address system.

Four hundred new hymnals were purchased.

"SANCTUARY CRUSADE"

In April, 1943, the Official Board decided that it was time something was done toward a drastic reduction of the mortgage principal. Interest payments were a drag on the yearly budget and, until eliminated, stood in the way of many projects requiring financial backing. It was desirable also to increase the benevolence contributions. To this end the Debt Reduction Committee, later called the Sanctuary Crusade Committee, was appointed. The Committee, through the Finance Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, arranged to have Dr. F. Olin Hunt conduct a "Sanctuary Crusade" to raise funds for clearing the mortgages. The Crusade began May 10, 1944. The third Sunday in the Crusade was called "Loyalty Sunday" when all pledges were garnered in. While this plan did not quite measure up to expectations, the sum of \$56,000 was pledged. Pledges ran 100 weeks and resulted in the reduction of the mortgages by approximately that amount in two years' time.

In October 1944, the Pension Fund Assessment was received. This was discussed in Official Board and instead of asking for an every-member-canvass the matter was referred to the Finance Committee. The committee advised including this item of \$4,000 in two yearly budgets. This was approved and this plan in general has since been followed for all special apportionments and allocations made to the Church.

Under the four year plan of the Post War Reconstruction Program "Crusade for Christ," St. Paul's allotment of \$4,074 was accepted and raised through the yearly budget, the Woman's Society of Christian Service pledging \$800 of this amount.

During this entire year special emphasis was placed on Evangelism, — a phase of the "Crusade for Christ" for 1946-47.

About this time extensive repairs on the exterior of the church were undertaken. When this work was completed the interior of the church and chapel were redecorated. While the cost of the work seemed considerable to undertake, with the mortgages still unpaid, the satisfaction in the renewed appearance and protection to the building justified the accomplishment.

In February 1946, the Sanctuary Crusade Committee was reaffirmed: Mr. W. A. Adams, chairman; Mr. M. H. Anthony, Mr. L. E. Bauer, Mr. E. H. Coe, Dr. M. B. Geiger, Mr. J. R. Hagen, Mr. W. E. Hosler, Dr. W. B. Jackman, Mr. L. M. Krausmann, Dr. Sterling Temple. In March plans for a second phase of the Sanctuary Crusade to retire the mortgages were approved with Dr. Hunt coming as in the prior phase.

In October 1946, a committee on "Memorials and Interior Improvement of Church and Chapel" was appointed. Personnel of the committee follows: Mr. J. R. Hagen, chairman; Mr. W. E. Hosler, Mrs. Puella T. Scott, Mr. H. R. Smith, Mr. O. H. Bell, Miss Sara W. Johnston, Dr. George B. Skinner, Mrs. J. F. McKeehan, Mr. Otto Hauenstein.

Two contributions were authorized for inclusion in the budget (1948-49), one to Silver Lake Institute (\$3,330) for improving the buildings, and one to Boston University School of Theology (\$1,000.)

Celebrating the burning of the mortgages on Sunday, November 7, 1948, Bishop J. F. McConnell delivered the sermon. On Sunday evening Dr. W. L. Stidger preached. He wrote the dedication for the new Chancel Window, first of the new church windows to be completed. He also assisted with the burning of the mortgages. On Monday evening there was a great "home-coming" dinner for all members of the church to which were invited former pastors, District Superintendents, and other prominent persons. The capacity of the dining room was overtaxed. The entire group retired to the Sanctuary with others to listen to the address, "Pioneers of To-morrow" delivered by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of the National Radio Pulpit.

1949 — ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH — 1965

THE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH can look back on the last twenty-five years with great pride and sincere feeling of service, with accomplishment of the seemingly impossible task of paying the mortgage and notes of \$149,500.00 of St. Paul's Church property in full. The mortgage and notes were burned November 7, 1948. This was accomplished by the loyalty and sacrifices of St. Paul's members, the Official Board, and by the skillful and energetic guidance of her pastor Dr. John Redmond, and by the sincere and devout belief in the will of the Lord.

St. Paul's could then, with the heritage of faith and loyalty and belief in accomplishment, go forward with a bright look to the future, with renewed energy, and with divine guidance to a greater St. Paul's Methodist Church.

The Church School and classes met regularly Sunday mornings, and continued to grow under competent leadership in Christian education. Cui Bono and Oxford and Strough classes carried on scheduled meetings with social and educational programs. The Christian Couples Club, an informal group, carried out their objectives to provide a growing fellowship for young married couples, through social and study activities.

Junior and Senior Methodist Youth Fellowships and the Young Adult Fellowship group meets every Sunday evening and carry out a social schedule of varied activities throughout the year.

The Wesleyan Service Guild, a group of gainfully employed women, carried out a very interesting program, social and educational.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service continued to grow under skillful leadership.

The Boy Scout Troop No. 7 has been an active Scout Troop in St. Paul's Church since 1922.

Many important changes and improvements have taken place in our church between 1948 and 1965. Of great pride in our church are the beautiful windows given by individuals and church organizations. The chancel, having been under plans for change for some time, was completed by Mr. A. Hensel Fink, church architect for chancel, and used for the first time Palm Sunday, 1952 but was dedicated October 12 of that same year.

1949—New curtains were installed on stage in the Community Hall.

In 1950—Rev. John Redmond represented The Methodist Church under the auspices of the Ecumenical Methodist Committee in England, Ireland, and Scotland in exchange with the Reverend John Bishop of England.

1951—A fine BALDWIN ELECTRONIC ORGAN was given for the Chapel by Mr. Paul Fowler in loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Clara Porter Fowler, who was organist in St. Paul's Church for a number of years.

1951—WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD was organized. This is a group of employed women, in the church.

1952—Mrs. Ethel Cumming, Director of Music of St. Paul's Choir from 1912 to 1952 gave inspirational leadership until she died in 1952. Mr. Owen Hatch took over the choir until Mr. E. Eugene Maupin came as Music Director.

Chancel was dedicated October 12.

Mr. E. Eugene Maupin came to St. Paul's Church in a full-time capacity with full charge of the musical program, and to direct drama. During Mr. Maupin's stay with St. Paul's Church from 1952 to 1955, many fine and successful dramas and musical productions were enacted. These included "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti; "Thor with the Angels" by Christopher Fry; "A Christmas Fantasy." Other musical presentations and a number of organ recitals were put on by Mr. Maupin for St. Paul's Church and for the community.

1953—Annual Conference held in St. Paul's Church. Dr. John Redmond received his Th.D. degree. At the time of his death Mr. William E. Hosler had served 33 years with untiring, and devoted loyalty as a Trustee of St. Paul's Church. Dr. Redmond transferred to Rochester to take over the administrative office of District Superintendent for the Rochester District. Dr. Davey came to St. Paul's in June, 1953 having just completed his term as District Superintendent of the Buffalo District.

1954—Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship (M.Y.F.) organized. Young Adults organized. Mr. Lougeay resigned as custodian. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Worthly were engaged as custodians. Men's Club was re-organized. Strough class redecorated Pastor's Study with

purchase of new walnut desk and chair, light fixtures, lounging chair, and window drapes. Some chairs and tables were re-finished.

1955—Mr. Maupin resigned as Music Director to study for his M.M. degree. Mr. Worthly resigned as custodian and Mr. Kilgore hired to take his place. Athletics included Basketball, Midget and Girl's leagues; Men's and Women's Bowling Teams. Mr. Hagen was a very active and loyal member of St. Paul's for 50 years, and a trustee 33 years. Men's Club received charter as unit of Methodist Men. Held 4 meetings. Board of Social and Economic Relations of St. Paul's conducted four panel discussions on controversial subjects. Mr. Peter Luedig was hired as organist and choir director to succeed E. Eugene Maupin.

1956—\$50,000 raised in pledges for major property improvement and repair program. Rev. Harold K. Babb came as Assistant Pastor. Young Adults started publication of a monthly St. Paul's paper: "St. Paul's Epistle."

1957—The Official Greeters program was inaugurated by Mrs. John S. Marsh. An informal group, new "Triple C" (Christian Couples Club) was organized. Wesleyan Service Guild presented Silver Tea Service to Church to be used for receptions and social affairs under direction of W.S.C.S. Entire floor in Nave replaced.

1958—Cui Bono Class celebrated its fiftieth birthday of organization of class. Harold Babb resigned as Assistant Pastor and left St. Paul's to take a charge on Long Island. He married Ruby Brown, soprano soloist in choir. Parsonage kitchen re-modeled. Room on third floor of Community House re-modeled for choir room. Mr. Myron Braun hired as Assistant Minister and Director of Music.

1960—Community House kitchen completely modernized.

1961—Dr. Andrew S. Turnipseed came to St. Paul's in June from Asbury First Church in Rochester. Rev. Myron Braun resigned as Music Director and Assistant Pastor. Mrs. Stanley Zimmer was engaged as Director of Music and Mr. Earl Brownell hired as organist to succeed Rev. Myron Braun. Miss Joan Smith hired as Administrative Assistant.

1964—Dr. John O. Mabuce came to St. Paul's as Assistant Pastor. Total active membership 1315. Special mention should be given to the Property Committee who has continuously kept St. Paul's Church and Community House in excellent repair and the finest condition.

1965—In February, Dr. John O. Mabuice was appointed by Bishop Ward to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Dean Richardson as District Superintendent, Buffalo District. Dr. Richardson was transferred to National Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Joan Smith resigned to accept another position near Rochester. Leland L. Stacy appointed Pastor's Assistant. The new Methodist curriculum for our Church School pupils was introduced.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Mr. Ralph Temple	1949-1950
Mr. Karl Sandmeyer	1951-1952
Mr. Walmsley, Mrs. Russell Wixson ...	1953
Mr. Eugene Morningstar	1954-1958
Mr. Allan Walker	1959-

W.S.C.S. PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Francis Adams	1949-1950
Miss Sueanna Hammerly	1951-1952
Mrs. Wilbur Craig	1953-1954
Mrs. George Connell	1955-1956
Mrs. Ira Thompson	1957-1960
Mrs. J. R. Robinson	1961-1962
Mrs. Thomas Hager, Jr.	1963-1965

LAY LEADERS

Mr. J. R. Hagen	1949-1952
Mr. E. Dent Lackey	1953
Mr. Larue Smith	1954
Mr. Leland Stacy	1955-1957
Mr. E. H. Coe	1958
Dr. R. L. Saunders	1959
Mr. J. R. Robinson	1960-1961
Mr. Arthur Falter	1962-1963
Mr. L. E. Bauer	1964
Mr. Paul H. Reid, Jr.	1965

ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH — 1965

TRUSTEE BOARD



R. STAFFORD, MR. PIERSON, MR. KAMMERER AND MR. ANTHONY hold the longest record for membership on the Board of Trustees. They have been exceptionally faithful servants of the church. Mrs. Scott was the second woman to be elected to the Board. The first, Mrs. Maria D. Smith, was elected for one term in 1881. Mr. Hosler was President continuously from 1922 to 1952. Mr. Stone was treasurer until his resignation in 1932. Mr. Anthony held that office to 1964 and Mr. Connell now holds that office. Mr. Hagen was secretary from 1922 through 1930 and again from 1934 until his death in 1955. Mr. Roblin was secretary from 1931 through 1933, and Mr. Kammerer now holds that office. Mr. Connell was Financial Secretary of the church from 1925 until 1964 — this work now being carried on by Mr. Willis H. Long.

The trustees since 1895 have been:

A. W. Pierson	1895-1926
V. J. Stafford	1899-1933
G. R. Huse	1911-1929
H. J. Stone	1918-1932
W. E. Hosler	1919-1952
J. B. Kammerer	1922-
J. R. Hagen	1922-1955
J. C. Schwingle	1923-1926
G. M. Wicker	1923-1926
J. W. Roblin	1926-1934
M. H. Anthony	1926-
Mrs. Puella T. Scott	1926-1949
Dr. M. J. Brown	1929-1938
C. D. Shaw	1933-1936
G. K. Connell	1934-
Dr. Sterling Temple	1936-1954
Dr. E. A. Harding	1933-1944
L. E. Bauer	1938-1965
Dr. W. B. Jackman	1946-1964
Dr. M. B. Geiger	1950-1962

Ralph G. Temple 1951-1952 and 1955-1964
 O. H. Bell, Sr. 1953-
 Elbert H. Coe 1953-1958
 Justice John S. Marsh 1959-
 Dr. C. A. Stiegman 1961-
 H. C. Horst 1963-
 Dr. Richard Saunders 1963-

1965 QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

Present officers of the Quarterly Conference are:

Dr. R. L. Saunders District Steward
 H. C. Horst Recording Steward
 Mrs. P. E. Taylor Chairman Communion Stewards
 Maurice E. LeRoy Church Treasurer - Benevolences
 Willis H. Long Financial Secretary
 Paul H. Reid, Jr. Lay Leader
 Leland L. Stacy Lay Member, Annual Conference

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board meets on the first Monday of each month excepting June, July and August. The pastor of the church is its presiding officer, Justice John S. Marsh is its vice-chairman and Paul Fowler is its recording secretary.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church has declared that no local church, however small, is adequately and effectively organized unless there is set up a minimum structure for participation in five of the major concerns of the Church Universal:

EVANGELISM

EDUCATION

MISSIONS

STEWARDSHIP

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Official Board is charged with the responsibility of giving continuous leadership and oversight to these designated commissions which have specific duties outlined in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Those presently serving as Chairman of the Commissions are: Mr. Leonard Bingman, Membership and Evangelism; Dr. T. T. Budrow, Missions; Mr. E. E. Henry, Education; Dr. C. A. Steigman, Stewardship and Finance; Mr. Kenneth Hoffman, Christian Social Concerns.

The Official Board is also the local church's administrative body which has the authority to create the necessary committee structure to properly and effectively carry out the purposes and programs of the local church.

CHURCH SCHOOL

In 1923 the Church School enrollment was 502 plus cradle roll and home departments 130, total 632.

Figures as reported to the Annual Conference January 1, 1965 were 664 and 145 respectively, total 809.

Officers of the Church School are:

Mr. Allan P. Walker Church School Superintendent
 Miss Phyllis Jahn Treasurer
 Miss Ruby Brewer Secretary
 Mrs. Harold Beach Sup't Nursery Department
 Mrs. Russell Wixson Sup't Children's Division
 Mrs. W. M. Buehl Nursery Home Visitor
 Mrs. Arthur H. Falter Sup't Youth Division
 Mrs. Frederick Bastian Sup't Adult Division

The loyalty of hundreds of lay people serving the church school, commissions, and various committees has made the continuous growth of St. Paul's possible and glorious.

CUI BONO CLASS

The Cui Bono Class organized in 1908, has as its project this year providing two pupil elementary grade scholarships in Bolivia, at La Paz, and Cochabamba; where Rev. Ed and Natalie Barber are at work.

The teachers are L. L. Stacy, Howard Fulton,

Mrs. Mildred Wainscott **President**
Mrs. C. Vern Mestler **Vice-President**
Mrs. L. L. Stacy **Vice-President**
Mrs. M. Manker **Secretary**
Mrs. Nina Brooks **Corresponding Secretary**
Mr. W. A. Lockhart **Treasurer**

This class of young men and women, 18 years and over, meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 at the parsonage for fellowship and study. Mrs. A. S. Turnipseed has been meeting with the group. This class holds forth promise of worthwhile projects for the future.

Three Methodist Youth Fellowships meet every Sunday evening. The Juniors — (Junior High School Students) meet in Asbury Hall at 6:30. The Seniors — (Senior High School Students) meet at 6:30 in the Church Parlor. Young Adults (18 to 35) meet with other young people of other denominations in the Wesley Room of St. Paul's at 7:30.

There are now three Scouting groups in the church; The Explorers, Troop 7 Scouts and 4 Dens of Cub Scouts. This a very active group of boys and have a varied and interesting program.

St. Paul's Church has a fine group of men acting as ushers. No worship service finds less than eight men greeting people, showing them to their seats and taking up the offering. Mr. R. H. Turver served for many years as the very efficient and capable head usher, and Mr. Howard Fulton has carried on since then. A notable feature of the present group of ushers is the increased proportion of young men serving.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in St. Paul's Church officially succeeded the St. Paul's Women's Association September 19, 1940. Mrs. Arthur H. Prey was the first president. Others who have served in this office are: Mrs. E. C. Ansley, Mrs. Sterling Temple, Mrs. J. F. McKeehan, Mrs. Ernest Griffiths, Mrs. Francis S. Adams, Miss Sueanna Hammerly, Mrs. G. K. Connell, Mrs. W. A. Craig, Mrs. Ira F. Thompson, Mrs. James M. Robinson and Mrs. T. M. Hager, Jr.

President Mrs. Fred A. Tucker, Jr.
Vice-President Mrs. Wilbur A. Craig
Recording Secretary Mrs. Phillip Griffiths
Treasurer Mrs. C. Arnold Peterson
Financial Secretary Mrs. John van Lonkhuyzen
Membership Cultivation Mrs. Charles Lemke
Missionary Education Mrs. G. B. Washburn
Christian Social Relations Mrs. C. A. Stiegman
Local Church Activity —

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The Society is divided into 6 circles, each with a leader, meeting monthly for Mission Study in the homes. The entire organization meets at the church for a program each month. Some fund raising activities are carried on from time to time, but in general the pledges of the members constitute the chief source of revenue.

A major improvement was the installation of a modern kitchen, which is available for all groups as required, although usage is directly the responsibility of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In 1960 the W.S.C.S. completely remodeled the kitchen at a cost of \$17,000 with every possible improvement, such as stainless steel sinks, counters and steam tables, dish-washing machine, electric ranges and new serving arrangements including new large sliding doors. This was made possible by years of saving by W.S.C.S. with some help from the Official Board. This past year completed the purchase and replacement of the chairs in the Community Hall. Over the years the W.S.C.S. has contributed generously to providing the furnishings of the parsonage.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild — a group of business women of the church, had its first meeting at the parsonage on June 26, 1945. The first president was Miss Phyllis Anne Reid. The purpose of the Guild shall be to provide a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community.

The present officers are as follows:

Miss Louise Pifer President
Miss Virginia Miller Vice-President
Miss Ruth Cliver Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mabel Liersch Treasurer

The Guild sponsors one joint meeting each year with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

CHOIRS

St. Paul's in 1948 had three choirs known as the "Chancel Choir," the "Chapel Choir" and the "Carol Choir" composed of adults, young people of high school age, and children. Mrs. Ethel P. Cumming was the very able Director of Church Music, personally

directing the work of the Chancel Choir. She was assisted by Mr. George V. Leazer, director of the Chapel Choir, and Mrs. Kay S. White, director of the Carol Choir.

At the present time Mrs. Stanley S. Zimmer is Choir Director, and has the Chancel Choir and the Carol Choir under her direction. These two choirs furnish music for Sunday morning worship all year round except during the months of July and August, when soloists lead the singing. The enlarged music program was inaugurated in 1946.

The organist, Mr. Earl Brownell, serves whole-heartedly for all services, and follows a long line of faithful organists.

ORGAN AND ORGANISTS

In 1897 The Kimball Organ Co., Chicago, provided a \$2,500 organ installed in St. Paul's, First and Thomas Street.

First Street Church Helen Simkins (Mrs. Geo. F. Nussbaum)
Maude Cannon (Mrs. Ray Turver)
Clara Porter (Mrs. Roy Fowler)
Arthur Wallis
Carrie Huse (Mrs. Harold Beers)
Harriet Morgan
Grace Baumhofer

Seventh Street Mrs. Roy Fowler
Mrs. Ray Turver
E. Eugene Maupin
Peter Luedig
Rev. Myron Braun
Earl Brownell

THE OXFORD CLASS

The Oxford Class was organized the fall of 1948 and was made up of young adults of the church before it merged with the Strough Class around 1962. It has many worthwhile social and study activities. The name of the merged group is Strough-Oxford Class.

THE STROUGH CLASS

The Strough Class was organized in 1933 by Mr. Karl Wright, who became its first President. Over the years it has rendered service to St. Paul's Church in the fields of providing leadership for the Church School Classes from time to time, and for a variety of activities in the church and community which have a spiritual significance. At the present time four of the five Commission Chairmen of our church are members of the Strough Class.

The projects in which the class has participated over the years include: The contribution of White Poinsettias for the Altar the Sunday preceding Christmas Sunday. Following the service they are delivered by members of the class to people who can not attend church service or participate in the church's activities.

The present officers of the Strough-Oxford Class are:

Mr. Charles H. Lemke President
Miss Jean Wolfe Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Grace Greenberg Gifts and Cards
Dr. T. T. Budrow Program Chairman

LENTEN SPEAKERS



OUR ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR has again brought a very distinguished group of Lenten speakers to our 22nd year of Lenten Series (1943-1965). These outstanding speakers have represented the important issues of Christian concern, the racial social justice, the interdenominational spirit of religious cooperation and understanding, and the international spirit of religious fellowship.

The 1965 series included Dr. Martin Niemöller, one of the great Christian leaders in the world, who suffered under Hitler in concentration camps for eight years, to rise again as President of The World Council of Churches.

The following is a complete list of Lenten Speakers, a series started by Dr. John A. Redmond in 1943 and through the 1965th year. The years following the names of the speakers refer to the years they appeared on the Lenten Series, and presented their prophetic voices.

Dr. Merton S. Rice 1943
Dr. Rice's lenten talk in St. Paul's Church was his last service. The following Sunday he died of a heart attack. His great Christian leadership is still a memory.

Bishop F. J. McConnell 1943
Dr. William L. Stidger 1943-1945
Dr. Bernard C. Clausen 1943, 1944, 1947
Bishop Charles W. Flint 1943
Dr. Henry H. Crane 1943 thru 1946, 1948, 1951 thru 1964
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman 1944 thru 1964
Dr. George A. Buttrick 1945
Dr. Charles R. Brown 1945
Dr. Harold C. Phillips 1945
Dr. Daniel Poling 1946, 1953
Dr. Blackwelder 1946
Dr. Robert R. Wicks 1946
Dr. Hugh T. Kerr 1947
Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz 1947
Dr. Frederick Norwood 1947
Dr. James Gordon Gilkey 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955
Dr. Robert J. McCracken 1948, 1949, 1952
Dr. Clyde E. Wildman 1948
Bishop W. Earl Ledden 1948
Captain Norman Rawson 1948

Rev. Frederick B. Harris	1949
Dr. Chester Emerson	1949
Dr. Franklin C. Fry	1949
Dr. Boynton Merrill	1950
Dr. Lynn Harold Hough	1950, 1952
Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson	1950
Dr. Edwin Prince Booth	1950
Dr. E. Crosley Hunter	1950, 1951, 1952
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam	1951, 1957
Bishop William Scarlett	1951
Dr. Paul Scherer	1951
Dr. George Docherty	1952, 1953, 1954, 1962, 1964
Dr. Pierre van Paassen	1953
Dr. Emlyn Davies	1954, 1958
Bishop Richard C. Raines	1954
Rev. Harry Kruener	1955
Dr. Charles Ray Goff	1955, 1956, 1961
Bishop Walter E. Bagnell	1955
Bishop Lauriston Scaife	1956, 1965
Bishop Santo Umberto Barbieri	1956
Dr. John Short	1956, 1957, 1959
Dr. Addison H. Leitch	1957
Dr. Edward L. R. Elson	1957, 1958, 1959
Dr. David Wesley Soper	1958
Chaplain C. F. Carpenter	1958
Dr. Howard Churman	1959
Dr. Charles Noble	1959
Dr. Truman W. Potter	1960
Dr. Ralph W. Loew	1960
Dr. George W. Goth	1960, 1962
Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue	1960
Dr. James R. Mutchmor	1961, 1963
Dr. Harold A. Bosley	1961
Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr.	1961
The Bishop Company Players	1962, 1963
Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	1962 thru 1965
Dr. Daniel C. Whitsett	1963
Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist	1964
Dr. Harold W. Vaughan	1964
Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick	1965
Dr. William B. Selah	1965
Dr. Martin Niemoeller	1965
Dr. Ernest E. Long	1965

MEMORIAL GIFTS — LEGACIES

IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN 1923-48 HISTORY

Two white antependia for lectern and pulpit given by Mr. Allen Bruce Fowler and Miss Janet Elsie Fowler in memory of their grandfather, Mr. Harris Allen.

1951—Baldwin electric organ, given by Mr. Paul Fowler in memory of his mother, Clara Porter Fowler.

Legacy given by Mr. Henry Dart.

1952—Lectern given by Mrs. Paul Fowler in memory of her father, Mr. Harris Allen.

Pulpit Bible given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fowler.

Pulpit without figures given by Miss Joyce Wilson in memory of her father, Mr. Herbert G. Wilson.

1954—New cushions for Chapel pews are a gift of Mr. E. M. King.

In Pastor's study — new walnut desk and chair - light fixtures - lounging chair - window drapes; gift of Strough Class.

Glass desk top for pastor's desk — furnished by Mr. Edward Shrubsall.

Book of Memories, given by Whittemore Associates of Boston.

Repository for Book installed in narthex given by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bell.

Sick room communion set given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mabon.

Carving of image of St. Paul on pulpit given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson.

1955—Set of brass Altar vases and twelve walnut offering plates, given by Miss Virginia Miller in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Miller.

Two brass candle lighters given by Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Wilson.

1956—Outside bulletin board, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Roger Scott in memory of Dr. Scott's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Scott.

Silver tea and coffee service presented to W.S.C.S. in memory of Mrs. Daisy Shrubsall and Mrs. Emma L. Thompson by Mrs. Edward S. Shrubsall.

Flowers given each Sunday for the altar in memory of loved ones.

The Organ Fund has been augmented considerably by memorial gifts for Mr. John E. Verral, Mr. Frank Hoschke, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Rev. Noel Garwick, and Mrs. H. T. Hopwood.

The Memorial Fund has been added to by friends in memory of Mrs. Muriel Marsh, Mrs. H. T. Hopwood, Mrs. Ethel Downing, Louis E. Bauer, Mrs. M. J. Brown, William Hepburn, Rev. N. Garwick, and William Ruffner.

1957—\$3,306.03 bequest from Mr. Frederick T. Manning.

Wesleyan Service Guild presented a silver service to be used for receptions and social functions under W.S.C.S. direction.

1958—Companion piece to receptacle in narthex in form of guest register for narthex, with bronze plaque on register, presented by Miss Charlotte Johnston in memory of Miss Sarah Johnston.

1959—Scholarship fund started with \$1,000.00 as a memorial gift, presented by Miss Cora Gratricks in memory of Miss May Cramer.

Lectern bible given by Miss May Allen in memory of her brother, Mr. Harris C. Allen.

Altar cross given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Craig, in memory of Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hughes.

RECORDINGS WHICH WILL BE FOUND IN BOOK OF MEMORIES—

Reredos and Baptismal font cover given by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hosler.

Altar given by Mr. Otto Hauenstein in memory of his Mother.

Two candlesticks and electric candles presented by Mr. Fred A. Filby.

Two candlesticks and electric candles presented by Dr. and Mrs. Russell H. Wixson, Roy and Neal Wixson.

Red pulpit antependium presented by Carol Choir.

White pulpit antependium presented by Mr. and Mrs. David C. Knibbs.

Red altar runner and lectern antependium presented by Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Sandmeyer.

Purple altar runner, pulpit and lectern antependia presented by Dr. and Mrs. Francis S. Adams, in memory of Mrs. Adam's mother, Mrs. George A. Bond.

Green pulpit antependium presented by Miss Ruth Cliver.

Book of Remembrance presented by Mrs. A. R. Cook.

Special flower tables presented by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Treadwell. Green Tudor Rose silk lectern antependia given by Dr. John Abbott Redmond.

Machine hemmed fair linen, plain for Chapel altar; given by Mrs. Charles E. Victory.

Brass missal stand for Altar bible in memory of Mrs. James Truscott.

NURSERY GIFTS

Crib for babyfold given by Miss Virginia Miller, in memory of her mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Miller.

Crib for babyfold given by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin F. Miller in memory of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Armelle Krametz.

Cash given to babyfold by Mrs. Fred Nagle in memory of her grandson, Kermit Allen Carpenter.

THE CHURCH'S HONOR ROLL

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH has been very fortunate in the consecration of its leaders and membership. The many accomplishments of its members during the last two decades are noted. Not only has the church grown in numerical strength but its roots have gone deeper into the problems of the church and of society of which we are a part.

A study was made of the members now living who have been members of St. Paul's fifty years or longer. Even though some may have had an interrupted membership, due to business and other conditions, they are with St. Paul's now. We are proud to list the following:

Mrs. Edith Krakoski	1892
Mrs. Minnie Klay	1903
Miss Celia Pool	1903
Miss Mazie Wigle	1904
Mrs. Vera Koethen	1907
Mrs. Marion P. Baillio	1907
Mrs. Grace Kirby	1908
Mrs. F. E. Cushing	1909
Mrs. Reah Fisher	1909
Mrs. W. J. Wright	1909
Mr. Thomas Hager, Jr.	1912
Mrs. Mildred O. Glennie	1913
Miss Cora Gratrack	1913
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mabon	1913
Mrs. Elsa Connell	1914
Mr. Ira Thompson	1914
Miss Edna Vodra	1914
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Craig	1915
Mrs. Betty Ferguson	1915
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hager, Sr.	1915
Mr. John Nichols	1915
Mrs. Paul Wright	1915
Mrs. Lillian Carman	1916
Mrs. Maude L. Gilbert	1916
Mrs. Elizabeth Newfang	1916

BIOGRAPHIES OF MINISTERS SINCE 1948

DR. JOHN ABBOTT REDMOND

PASTOR — 1942 - 1953

Dr. John Abbott Redmond is a graduate of Syracuse, A.B., Boston University A.M., and Boston University School of Theology S.T.B. He was ordained in 1931 and served The First Methodist Church, Potsdam; Central Church, Utica and The First Methodist Church, Ithaca, all in New York State before coming to St. Paul's in June of 1942.

Mr. Redmond was a fine spiritual leader and an able executive. During his tenure here the membership increased to 1260. The parsonage family, Mrs. Redmond, Joan and John were always very gracious and helpful in supporting Dr. Redmond's efforts as Pastor of St. Paul's. It was a fine working team in the life of the community and the church.

DR. RICHARD J. DAVEY

PASTOR — 1953 - 1960

Dr. Richard J. Davey, is an A. B. Graduate of Hartwick College with an M.A. from New York University and an Honorary Degree of D.D. from Hartwick College in 1948. He has studied at Drew Theological Seminary and did Graduate work at Syracuse University, and ordained in 1935.

His church appointments include the following: In Pennsylvania, pastorates at Ashley, Kingston and West Pittston. Three years he was at the Asbury-Delaware Church, Buffalo; appointed District Superintendent 1947-1952 of the Buffalo District of The Methodist Church; came to St. Paul's Methodist Church in 1953-1960. Dr. Davey observed his 30th year in the ministry while among us. He is now the pastor of The Asbury First Methodist Church in Rochester.

His committee appointments in the Genesee Conference include a wide diversity of conference relationships including Salary Support, Student Work, Christian Higher Education, Ministerial Training and the Inter-Conference Commission of New York State among others.

The activities of Dr. Davey in the community while here stamped him as progressive, civic and social minded. He was on several travelling missions for The Methodist Church in Britain; was an Air Force Clergy Visitor at North Atlantic bases, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland; also as a representative of the Church Evangelistic Mission to Cuba.

His family; Susan, his wife, his son Richard and two married daughters, Mrs. Norman Churchill, Mrs. William Gersumky; it was a happy parsonage family and thoroughly enjoyed by its many church and community friends.

ANDREW SPENCER TURNIPSEED, D.D.



HE SON OF A METHODIST PREACHER in Alabama, Dr. Turnipseed's education includes an undergraduate degree A.B. from Birmingham-Southern College, his father's Alma Mater, and his D.D. from the same college in 1948. He received another D.D. from Boston University in 1956.

His appointments started in November of 1933 in the Alabama-West Florida Conference and churches served include Coatopa, Alabama Circuit, Hyde Park Church, Tampa, Florida, Geneva, Ala., Tuskegee, Ala., Panama City, Florida, Greenville, Ala., and Dexter Avenue Church of Montgomery, Ala., where he served for nine years. He was then appointed District Superintendent of the Mobile District 1954-1959. He came to New York State in 1959, serving Asbury - First Church in Rochester, before coming in 1961 to St. Paul's. On November 17, 1963, on the occasion of his Thirtieth Anniversary as a Methodist preacher, he preached on "The First Thirty Years Are The Hardest."

Dr. Turnipseed's experiences in Church, civic and state activities have been varied. He has served with distinction in two broad fields of endeavor: World Missions and Race Relations. He has been included in a number of ecumenical conferences and The World Methodist Conference.

In 1962 he was included in a mission sent by The Methodist Board of Social Concerns to visit the church and political leaders in the Near East, Europe, and the Soviet Union. He travelled more than 6,000 miles within the Soviet Union.

In 1964 Dr. Turnipseed was one of a party of twenty-five Methodist Missioners sent to South America by The Methodist Boards of Missions and Evangelism on a preaching tour in six countries.

Dr. Turnipseed was given an award for the citizen in Niagara Falls who has done the most for racial understanding.

The Turnipseeds are a real parsonage family. Mrs. Turnipseed is an active secretary of Spiritual Life for the local W.S.C.S. and the President of the Buffalo District Minister's Wives Association. Daughter Martha is graduating from Binghamton-Southern College in June of '65. She has been very active in the Human Rights movement in the south. Last summer she participated in a special term college student project in Mexico, and this summer will work in a special youth project on Church-Government relations in Washington, D. C. Spencer, age 16, is an enthusiastic supporter of the athletic program of St. Paul's. This summer he will be working in the Buffalo Inner-City project with a special church-vacation school project there.

ST. PAUL'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

SYMBOLISM IN STAINED GLASS



AT THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE CHANCEL appears the altar carved from Kasota stone, its massive strength denoting the eternity of our faith. Above the altar is the gradine with the tabernacle, upon which rests the cross, the central theme of the altar.

The reredos extends above the gradine with its finials reaching into the chancel window, which depicts the Passion of our Lord. The reredos is carved from solid oak. At the center is a large handcarved finial canopy. Just below the canopy on either side are the symbols of the four Gospels — Matthew and Mark to the left; Luke and John to the right. Extending high on the top of the pylons on both sides is the figure of an angel reposing in the position and mood of prayer.

The screens, panels, doors, choir stalls, clergy seat and sedelia, lectern and pulpit are all of oak, conforming to the plan of the pews and wooden furnishings in the church throughout.

The pulpit bears the figures of four of the greatest preachers of all time, i.e., Isaiah (760-700 B.C.?) from the Old Testament; Saint Paul (8-62 A.D.?) from the New Testament; Savonarola (1452-1498) from one of the most turbulent periods of church history; and John Wesley (1703-1791) the founder of the Methodist Church. Each figure reposes on the exterior of the pulpit beneath a handcarved canopy.

SYMBOLISM OF COLOR

From the middle ages we have inherited a rich symbolism of color that is still recognized throughout the church world. *Blue* is the contemplative color, symbolizing heaven, eternity, divine wisdom, steadfastness and enduring loyalty. *Red* induces emotion as pertains to worship and signifies divine love, self-sacrifice, passionate devotion, courage and martyrdom. *Gold* is the symbol of royalty, divinity, spiritual treasures, worthy achievement and good life. *Violet* a combination of blue and red, is a symbol of justice, mystery, pain and penitence. *Green* is the color of hope, springtime, youth and victory. *Silvery white* symbolizes faith, light of truth, peace and serenity.

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All windows were designed and executed by the noted American artist in stained glass — William R. Jack of the Whittemore Associates, Incorporated, Boston, Massachusetts

CHANCEL — EAST END OF CHURCH

CHANCEL WINDOW:

The four heroic scenes in the center of the window are (left to right): Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane; Crucifixion; Resurrection; Ascension.

The medallions in the main portion of the window, beginning at the bottom of the first section at the left: Sacrament of The Lord's Supper; Disciples Asleep; Betrayal; Denial.

Above the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus Before Pilate.

Above the Ascension: Women at The Tomb.

Extreme right section, beginning at the top: Peter and John Running; Walk to Emmaus; Supper at Emmaus; and Doubting Thomas.

The tracery in the upper portion of the window includes six symbols of creation: Night and Day; The Heavens; Earth; Moon and Stars; Birds and Fish; and Man.

At the top of the window in the tracery are the symbols of the four Gospels, Saint Matthew and Saint Mark on the left; Saint Luke and Saint John on the right.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. HOSLER, 1948.

IN NARTHEX — WEST END OF CHURCH

NARTHEX DOORS, CENTER:

Beginning at left at the top and reading crosswise: Hand of God - God the Father and Creator; Lyre - Sacred Music; Anchor - Hope; Cross and Orb - Triumph of the Gospel.

The lower section of the doors, beginning at left and reading crosswise: Olive Branch - Peace; Candlestick - Christ, the Light of The World; Chalice - Holy Eucharist; Lily - Purity.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. EARLE J. WEITZMAN

IN MEMORY MRS. WEITZMAN'S FATHER AND MOTHER

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES PARKS

NARTHEX - NORTH AISLE WINDOW:

This window pictures Francis Asbury (1745-1816), the Father of American Methodism.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. HAGEN

NARTHEX DOOR - NORTH SIDE:

PRESENTED BY THE OXFORD CLASS

NARTHEX - SOUTH AISLE WINDOW:

This window portrays John Wesley (1703-1791), Founder of Methodism.

PRESENTED BY THE REVEREND AND MRS. JOHN A. REDMOND

NARTHEX DOOR - SOUTH SIDE:

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. FRANK T. HOSCHKE

BALCONY — WEST END OF CHURCH

SAINT PAUL WINDOW ABOVE BALCONY:

Heroic figures in the center of the window reading left to right:

Silas; Timothy; Paul; Barnabas.

Medallions at bottom of window reading right to left: At feet of Gamaliel; Road to Damascus; Lydia, Seller of Purple; Paul Preaching.

Medallions at top of heroic figures below tracery, left to right: Writing to the Churches; Shipwrecked at Melita; On Trial; Mamertino Prison.

At top of the window in the tracery are four symbols of Saint Paul: Sword of The Spirit; Shield of Faith; Swords Saltire; Serpent of Melita.

IN MEMORY OF DR. W. A. SCOTT

PRESENTED BY MRS. W. A. SCOTT AND SON, DR. W. R. SCOTT

INTERNATIONAL WINDOWS IN THE STAIRWAYS

LEADING TO THE BALCONY:

1. The American window to the south depicts the American and Canadian falls with the shield of the American Flag and the American Eagle.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. O. H. BELL

2. The Canadian window to the north depicts the American and Canadian falls with the Canadian red ensign and the maple leaves. The coat of arms bears the emblems of the four countries from which the original settlers of Canada were chiefly drawn: the three lions of England, the lilies of France, the lion rampant of Scotland, and the harp of Ireland, together with a branch carrying three maple leaves, the special emblem of Canada.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. O. H. BELL

SOUTH SIDE OF NAVE

FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW

NEAREST THE NARTHEX, SOUTH SIDE:

Beginning at the right side of window (nearest the narthex) reading down:

1. Boy Jesus in The Temple; Baptism of Jesus.

PRESENTED BY DR. AND MRS. F. S. ADAMS

IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS

2. Temptations in the Wilderness; Wedding at Cana.
IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND JOHN CANNON
PRESENTED BY MAUDE CANNON TURVER

3. Calling of the Disciples; Sermon on the Mount.
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH CANNON
PRESENTED BY MAUDE CANNON TURVER

4. Loaves and Fishes; (Feeding of the 5,000) and Draught of Fishes.
IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. V. J. STAFFORD, BY THEIR CHILDREN

FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW
SECOND FROM THE NARTHEX, SOUTH SIDE:

Beginning at the right side of window (nearest the narthex)
reading down: Woman of Samaria; Blade, Ear and Full Corn;
Jesus Blessing The Children; Jesus and Nicodemus; Leaven in The
Loaf; Widow's Mite; Rich Young Ruler; Parable of The Talents.
PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MAXWELL EATON,
DOROTHY AND MAXINE

FOUR-LANCET NAVE WINDOW
THIRD FROM THE NARTHEX, SOUTH SIDE:

Beginning at the right side of window (nearest the narthex)
reading down: The Sower; Pearl of Great Price; Good Samaritan;
Rich Fool; Lost Sheep; Prodigal Son; Pharisee and Publican; Wise
and Foolish Virgins.

PRESENTED BY THE CUI BONO CLASS

TWO-LANCET NAVE WINDOW
FOURTH FROM THE NARTHEX, SOUTH SIDE:

Beginning at the right side of window (nearest the narthex)
reading down: Triumphal Entry; Cleansing of The Temple; Home
of Martha and Mary; Washing Disciples' Feet.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. LARUE F. SMITH

CLERESTORY WINDOWS — SOUTH SIDE OF NAVE

CLERESTORY WINDOWS ON SOUTH SIDE OF NAVE:
Reading from the left (nearest the Chapel):

1. Andrew. 2. Phillip.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS HILL — PRESENTED BY HIS FAMILY

3. Bartholomew.

PRESENTED BY THE ROBERT J. HUCHEY FAMILY

4. Thomas.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SUSAN KARLMAN
PRESENTED BY NORA E. KARLMAN

5. Matthew; 6. James (the less).

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
REVEREND NELSON SIMKINS AND HIS WIFE FRANCES
PRESENTED BY JULIA SIMKINS KAIN AND EDWARD NELSON SIMKINS

7. Simon.

PRESENTED BY LINDA AND MARY REYNOLDS

8. Thaddeus (Jude).

PRESENTED BY C. R. BISHOP AND WILLIAM

NORTH SIDE OF NAVE

FOUR-LANCET WINDOW
NEAREST THE NARTHEX, ON NORTH SIDE:

Beginning at the left side of window, reading down:

1. Garden of Eden; Abram and Lot.

IN MEMEORY OF DONALD R. D. MCGREGOR

PRESENTED BY WIFE AND SONS

2. Sacrifice of Isaac; Rebekah at the Well.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. G. E. ONGLEY AND PHYLLIS

3. Jacob's Dream; Joseph and His Father.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. GRACE B. KAMMERER

PRESENTED BY JOHN B. KAMMERER

4. Moses Before The Burning Bush; and Moses at Mt. Sinai.

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. ASHBOUGH

PRESENTED BY CHAS. W. ASHBOUGH

FOUR-LANCET WINDOW
SECOND FROM THE NARTHEX, NORTH SIDE:

Beginning at the left side of the window, reading down:

1. Ark of The Covenant of The Lord; Naomi and Ruth.

2. Ruth in the Field of Boaz; Samuel and Eli.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LIDA AND MR. AND MRS. JOHN E. JOHNSTON

PRESENTED BY SARA AND CHARLOTTE JOHNSTON

3. Samuel Anoints Saul King; David Before Saul.

4. David and Goliath; and David and Jonathan.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. E. M. KING

PRESENTED BY E. M. KING AND DAUGHTERS

FOUR-LANCET WINDOW
THIRD FROM THE NARTHEX, NORTH SIDE:

Beginning at the left side of the window, reading down:

1. Dedication of the Temple; Court of Solomon.

2. Theophany on Mt. Carmel; Elisha Receives Elijah's Cloak.

3. Woman of Shunam; Reading The Law To The People.
4. Jeremiah Warns The People of Judah; and Daniel Praying.

PRESENTED BY DR AND MRS. GEORGE W. SKINNER

TWO-LANCET WINDOW

FOURTH FROM THE NARTHEX, NORTH SIDE

Beginning at the left side of the window, reading down:

1. Ezekiel in Valley of Dry Bones; By The Waters of Babylon.

IN MEMORY OF MR. H. BLAKE HALL

PRESENTED BY MRS. H. B. HALL AND RETA

2. Esther Before The King; Priests and Levites Praising God.

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. FRED CATHCART

PRESENTED BY RUTH C. WELLS

CLERESTORY WINDOWS, NORTH SIDE OF NAVE:

Beginning at the left nearest the narthex:

1. Abraham; 2. King Saul.

IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS — MAY CRAMER, CORA GRATRICK

3. King David.

GIVEN BY MR. AND MRS. LELAND L. STACY AND BARBARA

IN MEMORY OF SON LELAND

4. King Solomon.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. PAUL H. REID

5. Amos.

PRESENTED BY THE J. M. KLOUSE FAMILY

6. Hosea.

PRESENTED BY CHARLES AND LAURA VICTORY

7. Isaiah; 8. Jeremiah.

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. STERLING TEMPLE

TRANSEPT — NORTH SIDE

NORTH TRANSEPT WINDOW

1835 — IN HONOR TO OUR PASTORS — 1955

Nativity — Four heroic scenes in the center of the window reading left to right: Three Shepherds; Joseph; Mary and Child; Three Kings.

The medallions in the main portion of the window beginning at the top left, reading down, across the bottom and up the right side: Birth of John Announced; Zacharias Stricken; Mary Enters

The Temple; Annunciation; Mary Visits Elizabeth; The Child John; City of Bethlehem; No Room in the Inn; The Child Christ and John; Angels Singing; Flight Into Egypt; City of Nazareth.

PLAQUE ON THE WALL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. AND MRS. STERLING TEMPLE

PRESENTED BY THE STERLING TEMPLE FAMILY

TRANSEPT — SOUTH SIDE

SOUTH TRANSEPT WINDOW

Transfiguration — Heroic figures reading left to right: Moses; John; Jesus; Peter; James; and Elijah.

PLAQUE ON THE WALL — HONORING THE ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS

WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE NATION'S WARS

PRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. MARION ANTHONY

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS E. BAUER - MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE R. BELL

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND C. CLIVER - MR. AND MRS. ELBERT H. COE

MR. AND MRS. WILBUR A. CRAIG - DR. AND MRS. MARION GEIGER

MR. AND MRS. WALTER S. JOHNSON - MR. AND MRS. DAVID C. KNIBBS

MRS. EMMA KRUEGER AND LLOYD KRUEGER

MR. AND MRS. FRANK MCKEEHAN - MR. AND MRS. PAUL REID, SR.

MR. AND MR. MANLEY L. ROSS - MR. AND MRS. LELAND L. STACY

MR. AND MRS. J. LEONARD WILSON

HOW ST. PAUL'S PHYSICAL FACILITIES ARE USED TODAY



HE EXTENSIVE USE that is made of St. Paul's Church buildings indicates the real service being rendered today to the Community.

Many Church organizations and many outside organizations have used the Chapel and Community House.

The Church School on Sunday mornings uses all available space on three floors including the kitchen and Scout Room, with Departments for all age groups from nursery to older adults.

The Community House is open all day and well into the night. It is in constant demand for large meetings and dinners as well as the athletic program and recreational activities particularly for the Youth of the Church and the community.

The Sanctuary main entrance is closed except for services, but the Church is always available for prayer and meditation through the lower hall and the Chapel. Recently considerable interest has been evinced by persons outside of St. Paul's in the stained glass windows designed by William R. Jack of Boston. Persons desiring to view these windows are welcome and should merely apply at the Church office, which is open 9 to 5 on weekdays excepting at noon hour.

LIST OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS TO ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH

Total Church Membership Shown in ()

At Union Chapel—

Rev. John Cannon	1835
E. C. Sanborn	1839
John Powell	1839
C. M. Woodward	1846-47
Zenas Hurd	1849-50

At Falls Street Church—

Sanford Hunt	1850-51	(69)
E. R. Keyes	1851	
H. K. Hines	1851-52	
D. Nichols	1852-53	
R. L. Waite	1853-54	
W. Gordon	1854-55	
Rufus Cooley	1855-56	
J. N. Simkins	1856-57	
J. McCreery	1857-58	
J. N. Simkins	1858-59	
J. McEuen	1859-60	
P. Woodworth	1860-61	
J. Alabaster	1861-62	(78)
J. Timmerman	1862-63	
B. F. McNeal	1863-64	
Griffin Smith	1864-65	

At First Baptist Church—(During Construction)

Smith Williams	1865-66
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Old St. Paul's at First and Thomas—

Zenas Hurd	1866-69	
A. L. Bachus	1869-70	
E. M. Buck	1870-73	(52)
S. Seager	1873-74	
J. T. Humphrey	1874-75	
A. F. Colburn	1875-77	
G. W. Loomis	1877-80	
E. Wildman	1880-81	(76)
R. W. Copeland	1881-83	(87)

J. W. Gamble	1883-84	
W. B. Osborn	1884	
L. E. Rockwell	1884-86	
K. P. Jervis	1886-87	(75)
C. G. Stevens	1887-89	
J. N. Simkins	1889-94	(104)
R. C. Brownlee	1894-99	
O. C. Poland	1899-06	(298)
D. H. Muller	July-October, 1906	
F. S. Parkhurst	1906-09	(290)
E. M. Snodgrass	1909-11	(305)
G. S. G. Hares	1911-17	(479)
J. E. Manning	1917-19	

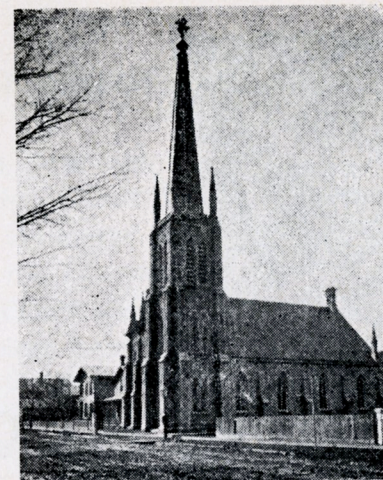
At Y.W.C.A. Building, Main St.—

J. E. Manning	June-October, 1919	
C. W. Walker	1919-22	(526)

At New St. Paul's on Seventh St.—

C. W. Walker	April 2, 1922-Nov. 19, 1922	
S. B. Owens	February 4, 1923-26	(500)

Names of later pastors are included in chronology.



OLD ST. PAUL'S
1866 - 1919

— THE CHURCH —

*"What forms of strength and beauty; what
glorious creations of the human mind."*

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW



NEW ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH
1923 -



FRANCIS ASBURY



Father
American
Methodism

ONE OF MANY
MEMORIAL WINDOWS
IN
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
ON
SEVENTH ST., NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

LOCAL METHODIST CHRONOLOGY

- 1784 American Methodism organized Baltimore, December 24.
- 1788 Visit of first Circuit Rider, George Neal.
- 1810 Genesee Conference organized Lyons, New York, July 20.
- 1813 Prior to this year services held in log school house.
- 1815 First Methodist society organized in a private home.
- 1823 The Holland Land Co., recognizing the existence of the first church organization in the area, granted the Trustees a 100-acre grant.
- 1824 Union Chapel built by Gen. Parkhurst Whitney, foot of Falls Street.
- 1833 Church farm on Lockport Road sold.
- 1835 The Rev. John Cannon was the first Methodist ordained minister to locate here.
- 1839 Methodist society reincorporated; First Methodist Sunday School formed.
- 1849 Falls Street Church purchased from Presbyterians.
- 1854 LaSalle Methodist Church begun.
- 1865 Falls Street Church sold.
- 1865 Name changed to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 1865-6 Services held in Baptist Church.
- 1866 First Street parsonage completed.
- 1866 Thomas Street chapel completed.
- 1868 Foundation and Cornerstone of St. Paul's laid.
- 1868 Ladies' Aid Society organized.
- 1872 Old St. Paul's completed and dedicated October 2.
- 1882 Debt paid off.
- 1883 Rev. J. Ward Gamble advertised in Gazette to thank unknown donor of a wagon load of vegetables.
- 1887 Missionary Society organized.
- 1888 Epworth League organized, first called Oxford League.
- 1892 Pierson Class formed, reorganized 1904.
- 1893 St. James Methodist Church organized January 23.
- 1895 Dwight L. Moody preached in St. Paul's June 6.
- 1897 Pipe organ installed by Kimbal Organ Co., Chicago, Illinois.
- 1899 Chapel enlarged, new parsonage built.
- 1908 Men's Club organized — Reorganized in 1919.

- 1910 Cui Bono Class organized.
- 1912 Spire of old St. Paul's removed.
- 1912 New stained glass memorial windows placed.
- 1917 Site on Seventh Street purchased.
- 1919 Old St. Paul's deeded June 13 to Mrs. Watson.
- 1919 Last service in Old St. Paul's June 8.
First service in Y.W.C.A. June 15.
- 1921 Contract let for new St. Paul's - June 3.
- 1921 Ground broken June 7.
- 1921 Cornerstone laid by Bishop Burt October 23.
- 1922 First service in Community House April 2.
Last service in Y.W.C.A. March 26.
- 1922 November Dr. Walker resigned. Boy Scout Troop 7 formed.
- 1923 New St. Paul's dedicated by Bishop Burt August 12.
- 1925 Women's Association of St. Paul's Church formed.
- 1925 Genesee Conference met St. Paul's October 7 - 12.
- 1926 Vesper service instituted instead of evening service.
- 1928 First "Director of Religious Education" employed.
- 1933 Strough Class organized.
- 1935 Genesee Conference met St. Paul's October 9 - 13.
- 1939 Uniting Conference; denomination name became
"The Methodist Church."
- 1940 Women's Association reorganized as Women's Society
Christian Service.
- 1940 School of Religious Education started in city.
- 1942 Methodist Youth Fellowships organized.
- 1943 First Annual Lenten Series.
- 1943 New parsonage at 748 Fourth Street purchased; Parsonage
on Seventh Street sold.
- 1944 First phase of Sanctuary Crusade.
- 1945 Repairs to exterior and redecoration of Church and Chapel.
- 1946 Second phase of Sanctuary Crusade.
- 1948 Burning of mortgages and dedication of Chancel Window.
- 1948 Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of
the new St. Paul's.
- 1948 The organization of the Oxford Class.
- 1949 New curtains on stage of Community Hall, bought by Cui
Bono Class.

- 1950 The Rev. John Redmond represented Methodist Church
in exchange program with The Rev. John Bishop of
England.
- 1951 Baldwin Electronic Organ donated to Chapel by Paul Fowler
in memory of Mrs. Clara Porter Fowler; Wesleyan
Service Guild organized.
- 1952 Mrs. Ethel Perry Cumming, Choir Director from 1912,
deceased. Owen Hatch took over choir temporarily.
October 12 new chancel in Sanctuary dedicated. Eugene
Maupin new Music Director.
- 1953 Annual Conference in St. Paul's. June Dr. Redmond trans-
ferred to Rochester. Dr. Richard J. Davey came.
- 1954 M.Y.F. Senior Youth Fellowship organized. Custodian Lou-
geay resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Worthly installed.
- 1955 Mr. Maupin resigned. Mr. Peter Luedig hired as Music
Director. Mr. J. R. Hagen deceased.
- 1956 The Rev. Harold K. Babb came as Associate Pastor.
- 1957 Silver Tea Service presented by Wesleyan Service Guild.
- 1958 Cui Bono 50th Anniversary. Harold Babb took a charge
on Long Island. Rev. Myron Braun hired as Associate
Minister and Director of Music.
- 1960 Community House kitchen remodeled.
- 1961 Rev. Myron Braun resigned as Associate Pastor. Dr. Richard
Davey appointed to Asbury. First in Rochester. Dr.
Turnipseed from Rochester appointed here as St. Paul's
Pastor. Mrs. Stanley Zimmer hired as Music Director.
Mr. Earl Brownell hired as organist.
- 1964 Dr. John O. Mabuice hired as Assistant to Pastor. Total active
membership 1315. Survey shows 9 Trustees, 35 Stewards,
26 other Officers, with a total Official Board of 70.
150 persons hold definite assignments in church affairs.
In September Mr. Leland L. Stacy employed as Pastor's
Assistant.
- 1965 Dr. John O. Mabuice left to fill out term as District Superin-
tendent of the Buffalo District.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?



HE FOREGOING IS THE HISTORY of St. Paul's Methodist Church during one hundred and fifty years in Niagara Falls.

History, in general, is the accumulated experience of Mankind — and experience is the best teacher.

History of St. Paul's Methodist Church is an accumulation of records of accomplishment, of difficulties overcome, of inspiring services and acts of piety which may well serve as a guide to the *Future*. It is a collection of stories of persons whose lives inspire us all to try to live better and serve the Lord more faithfully.

Many people solved the problems of the PAST.

There will be problems in the FUTURE.

Members now in our church are serving and will serve in creative efforts which will assure a great and even greater Future for St. Paul's.

"New occasions teach new duties

Time makes ancient good uncouth

They must upward still and onward

Who would keep abreast of truth."

JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL

1815

1965

REDEDICATION AT 150TH ANNIVERSARY



HIS 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the organization of our Methodist Church in Manchester, Town of Niagara, now Niagara Falls, and the 42nd Anniversary in our present St. Paul's Church is dedicated to the many people who, over the years have labored unceasingly in developing our Methodist church to the present day by a Christian fellowship, and to the devoted ministry that has, by the help of our Lord through prayerful reverence, helped and inspired so many lives during the life of our Methodist Church; and to the many people who are to follow in our church who will continue this Christian fellowship in devoted service to St. Paul's Methodist Church of Niagara Falls, New York. To this service we now rededicate ourselves for the future.